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## **INAUGURATION OF IEEE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING (WIE) AFFINITY GROUP**

The Department of EEE in association with Women Empowerment Cell of Sree Vidyanikethan Engineering College launched IEEE Women In Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Dr.P.C.Krishnamachary Principal, SVEC; Dr.L.Venugopal Reddy, Advisor Cum Director, SVET; Guest of Honour, Dr.Neelima Sathyam, Associate Professor IIT Indore; Chief Guest Dr.K.Madhavi, IEEE WIE Chair, Anantapur subsection JNTUA CEA Anantapur, Directors, Deans and HoDs graced the occasion.

In the welcome address, Dr. M. Sujatha Professor & Head, Department of EEE told that the objective of the initiation was to promote IEEE & IEEE WIE by recruiting more members and volunteers to participate in IEEE WIE. During the address, Ms. Sujatha highlighted that IEEE WIE is one of the largest international professional organizations dedicated to promote women engineers & scientists and inspire girls around the world to follow their academic interests to a career in Engineering. Also, she read out the statistical data of colleges involved in IEEE WIE in various colleges and advised students to take memberships and be a part of IEEE WIE.



***Dr.M.Sujatha, HOD, Department of EEE delivering the Welcoming Address***

Dr. P. C. Krishnamachary, Principal, SVEC while addressing the audience congratulated the Women Empowerment Cell of SVEC for their continuous efforts to empower women in various aspects. The Principal said that it is another credit added to Women Empowerment Cell and wished that IEEE WIE achieve more in the future by organizing a lot of workshops and events.



***Dr.P.C.Krishnamachary. Principal,SVEC addressing the gathering***

Dr. L. Venugopal Reddy, Advisor-cum-Director said that he is very happy to associate with IEEE WIE. Speaking on the importance of IEEE WIE, he shared a few memories regarding girl's percentage in engineering colleges and how in olden days, girl students were very less when compared with boys. Finally, he concluded that organizing this type of programme will provide more opportunities to women in the Engineering field.



***Dr.L.Venugopal Reddy, Advisor Cum Director, SVET addressing the gathering***

Dr. Neelima Sathyam, Associate Professor IIT, Indore was the Guest of Honour. Ms. Sathyam congratulated Dr. M. Sujatha on taking the initiative to launch IEEE WIE in SVEC. She explained the importance of IEEE Women Chapter and addressed the problems of women education. She said that the Indian population comprises 50% women but only 20% of women were enrolled in educational institutions. She also said that the education of women had become a global issue and presented the facts that the girl's strength in IITs is very less when compared to boys and emphasized that women need to be empowered further in many fields especially in Engineering.



***Guest of Honour, Dr. Neelima Sathyam Associate Professor IIT Indore, addressing the gathering.***

Dr. K. Madhavi, IEEE WIE Chair, Anantapur subsection JNTUA CEA Anantapur was the Chief Guest. In her speech, she explained the importance of IEEE WIE, the objective behind its initiation, and its activities. She said that IEEE WIE supports ongoing opportunities in 900 Affinity groups in 100 countries. She also said that two different Affinity groups have been functioning for both students and staff. Finally, she concluded that students need to be encouraged to take an active part in IEEE WIE.





**Chief Guest Dr.K.Madhavi, IEEE WIE Chair, Anantapur subsection JNTUA CEA Anantapur addressing the gathering**

More than 200 Students, members of faculty and Staff attended the event and gained awareness on IEEE WIE Chapter.



**Participants during the inauguration**